

The Morse code proficiency requirement for an Amateur Radio license should be eliminated. The test measures the ability to copy Morse code, nothing more. It does not measure the applicant's motivation and/or effort. It is not an indication of competence to operate a radio station. CW is one of the many modes open to the amateur operator today. We do not test for competency with RTTY, PK31 and other modes. Why then do we test for CW.? Emphasis should be place on developing good operating procedures.

CW continues to be an important mode of communication. It will remain as one of the modes an Amateur operator may choose to use. The CW sub bands should be left as is no changes.

Therefore I request the FCC to eliminate the Morse code requirement for all HF operation. The current license structure should remain in place with one change. No code technicians should be upgraded to Technician Plus. General class and above should remain the same, with only the CW requirement eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,

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